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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: U.S. VISIT OF DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER MAHATHIR

REF: (A) KL 3993, (B) KL 3994

1. RSO HELD DISCUSSIONS WITH DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT POLICE, ABDUL KHALID YAHYA, AIDE DE CAMP, ON 30 JUNE, CONCERNING THE VISIT OF THE MALAYSIAN DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER (DPM) TO THE UNITED STATES 9 THROUGH 23 JULY. KHALID STATED HE PREFERRED TO LEAVE ALL SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS

AND PROTECTION OF THE DPM TO USG REPRESENTATIVES THEREBY PRECLUDING THE NECESSITY OF HIM CARRYING A FIREARM WITH ALL ITS PROBLEMS. KHALID REQUESTED THAT INFORMATION ON WHAT SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS WOULD BE MADE ON BEHALF OF THE DPM BE PROVIDED SO HE COULD REPORT SAME TO HIS HEADQUARTERS. INFORMATION REQUESTED SUCH AS: SIZE OF PROTECTIVE DETAIL; WILL SAME DETAIL ACCOMPANY GROUP THROUGHOUT THE US OR WILL THEY CHANGE FROM CITY TO CITY; WILL LOCAL POLICE SUPPORT USG SECURITY REPRESENTATIVE AND SECURITY OF HOTELS WHERE DPM WILL BE STAYING?

2. KHALID PROVIDED AN OUTLINE SCHEDULE STATING MORE DETAILED SCHEDULED WOULD BE PROVIDED TO THE EMBASSY THROUGH MFA (DETAILED SCHEDULE WILL BE CABLED SEPTTEL).
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ALSO THE MALAYSIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON WOULD HAVE FURTHER DETAILS CONCERNING ADDRESSES AND SPONSORING GROUPS. OUTLINE SCHEDULE AS FOLLOWS:

9 JULY ARRIVE LOS ANGELES (LA) 1510 VIA JL 06Z
11 JULY DEPART LA TO PHILADELPHIA (PHIL.) VIA AA60
13 JULY 1645 DEPART PHIL, FOR NEW YORK (NY) VIA METROLINER

15 JULY 1340 DEPART NY FOR WASHINGTON DC VIA EA 403

17 JULY 1030 DEPART WASH. FOR COLUMBUS, OHIO (CLMB) FOR
CHICAGO VIA TW 111

19 JULY 1000 DEPART CHI. FOR SAN FRANCISCO (SF) VIA UA 123

21 JULY 1430 DEPART SF FOR HONG KONG VIA PA 001

3. THE PARTY WILL BE MADE UP OF THREE PEOPLE.

1. HIS EXCELLENCY DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMED
2. ABDUL RAHIM JALAL, PRIVATE SECRETARY
3. ABDUL KHALID HAHYA, AID DE CAMP

4. FYI THIS WILL BE KHALID'S FIRST VISIT TO US, AND HE SPEAKS GOOD
ENGLISH. ONE FIRST IMPRESSION; KHALID SEEMS TO BE A LITTLE SLOW AND
WILLING TO ACQUIESCE SECURITY TO USG REPRESENTATIVES SO HE CAN COAST,
EXCEPT HE WANTS TO REPORT TO HIS HQ WHAT USG WILL DO SO HE IS COVERED

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RSO ALSO MET THE PRIVATE SECRETARY RAHIM, RAHIM
SEEMS VERY ALERT, INTELLIGENT AND SPEAKS EXCELLENT ENGLISH.
THIS TRIP WILL ALSO BE HIS FIRST VISIT TO THE US.

5. PLEASE ADVISE.

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